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15. One School shall be erected in each County, at the most convenient Place, near the Center of the County, &c. at the Discretion of the Visitors. 1723, *ch. 19, §. 2.*

16. Seven Commissioners are appointed for each County, and named *Visitors*, and invested with sufficient Authority, for discharging the Duties and Trusts reposed in, and required of them by this Act. *Ibid. §. 3.*

17. The Visitors, so appointed, shall qualify by taking the Oaths, &c. appointed by the Act of 1716, *ch. 5*; and also the Oath of a Visitor, *viz.* duly and faithfully to discharge the Duties and Trusts committed to him as Visitor, &c. And the same Oaths shall be administered to any Visitor, hereafter elected according to this Act, by the Person first Named that shall be present. *Ibid. §. 4.*

18. The Persons so qualified, or the major Part of them, shall be constituted Visitors of their County School, and invested with full Power, as a Body Politic, to Plead, and be Impleaded, Sue, or be Sued, &c. in any Courts of this Province. *Ibid.*

19. The Visitors, or any other Persons whatsoever, have full Power to give, grant, &c. any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, &c. whatsoever, to the Visitors, so incorporate, and their Successors, for ever, to the Value of 100*l.* Sterling *per Annum*, for the Use of such Schools. *Ibid.*

20. The Persons so incorporate and their Successors, shall be true and sole Visitors of such Schools, in perpetual Succession, with full Power to make Laws, Orders and Rules, for the good Government of the Schools, from Time to Time, as they shall think fit. Such Rules being no way contrary to the Royal Prerogative, the Laws of *England* or of this Province, or to the Canons, &c. of the Church of *England*. *Ibid. §. 5 and 6.*

21. For perpetuating the Succession of Seven Visitors for each School: Upon Death or Removal of any Visitor out of the Province or County, the remaining Visitors, or major Part of them, shall elect one or more principal Inhabitants of the County, into the Place of the Visitor or Visitors so dead or removed, so as to fill up the full Number of Visitors for each School: Which Persons so elected, shall qualify as before mentioned. *Ibid. §. 7.*

22. The Visitors of each School, shall purchase 100 Acres of Land, or more, for the Use of such School, having special Regard to the Conveniency, &c. as before directed: Of which Land they shall assign such Part as they shall see meet (not exceeding the Moiety) to be built upon, and Cleared for Corn, Grain and Pasturage, for the Use of the Master; the other Moiety to be preserved in Woodland Ground, and no otherwise used by the Master (without Leave of the Visitors) than for necessary Fire-wood, and Repairs of the Houses and Fences. *Ibid. §. 8.*

23. No Master, by himself or others, shall be permitted to plant Tobacco on the School Land. *Ibid.*

24. If there be no sufficient Building on the Land so purchased, the Visitors shall employ Workmen, &c. for building a Dwelling-House and necessary Conveniencies for the Master, and keeping a School therein, and for clearing Ground sufficient for the Uses aforesaid. *Ibid.*

25. The Visitors shall take all proper Methods for encouraging good School-Masters, who shall be Members of the Church of *England*, of exemplary Lives, and capable of teaching Grammar, Writing and Mathematics, if such can be had. *Ibid.*

26. Each Master (for the present) besides the Benefit of the Plantation, shall have 20*l.* *per Annum*: And the Visitors shall take such future Measures, from Time to Time, as may give due Encouragement to one or more Masters, and be useful in improving, &c. such School. *Ibid.*

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27. The Visitors shall meet at least four Times a Year, to consider and direct the Affairs of the School. *Ibid. §. 9.*

28. The Money already raised (*viz.* by the Acts of 1704, *ch. 27*, and 1717, *ch. 10*, see above, Art. 11 and 13, and which then laid undisposed of, in the Hands of the Public Treasurers) for the Use of County Schools, shall be divided into Twelve equal Parts, according to the Number of Counties, and the Treasurers to make due Payment of one of the said Parts to the Visitors of each County, or their Order, as they have Occasion to draw for the same. And the like Payment shall be made by the Treasurers of the like Dividend, hereafter arising due to such Schools: Which Money the Visitors shall, from Time to Time, dispose of as shall be most for the Advancement of such Schools. *Ibid. §. 10.*

29. The Visitors of each County School are enabled to hold any Manors, Lands, &c. given to the Use of the said Schools, to the Value of 1500*l.* Sterling: And all other Goods, Chattels, Money, and Personal Estate whatsoever, bestowed or bequeathed to the same Use. *Ibid. §. 11.*

30. They are likewise authorized to receive all Fines, &c. arising due to their several County Schools, in whose Hands soever they may be lodged. And, on Refusal, or Delay of Payment, may recover the same, according to the Powers given them as a Body Politic by this Act. All which shall be applied to the Uses aforesaid. *Ibid.*

31. The Visitors are impowered to appoint a Register, and allow him a reasonable Salary; who shall keep a fair Account of their Proceedings, Application of Monies, &c. Which Proceedings shall, at all Times, be subject to the Examination of the General Assembly. *Ibid. §. 12.*

32. Persons appointed or elected Visitors, refusing or delaying to act, shall forfeit 500*lb.* Tobacco, for the Use of the School of that County. *Ibid. §. 13.*

33. If any Visitor of a Public School shall wilfully refuse or neglect to meet at the Times appointed for the Meeting of the Visitors, so that the necessary Affairs of the School cannot be transacted; the Majority of Visitors meeting, shall chuse another Person in his Room, who shall qualify as directed in the Act of 1723, *ch. 19*. (See above, Art. 17 and 21.) 1728, *ch. 8, §. 2.*

34. Masters of the Public Schools shall Teach as many poor Children, *gratis*, as the Visitors shall order, or immediately be discharged, and other Masters put in. *Ibid. §. 3.*

35. The Visitors of the Free School of *Kent* County, enabled to divide Part of the School Lands into Lots, and Lease the same out for the Use of the Master; or, in case of Vacancy, the Rents to be applied by the Visitors to the Benefit of the School, &c. 1741, *ch. 1.*

36. *Somerset* County being divided, and a new County erected thereout, by the Name of *Worcester* County, Visitors are appointed for *Worcester* County School, and invested with the same Powers as the Visitors of other County Schools. 1746, *ch. 7, §. 1, 2.*

37. The Money arising within this Province, for the Use of County Schools, which, after the 29th September 1746, shall come into the Public Treasurers Hands, shall be divided into Thirteen equal Parts: And the Treasurers shall make due Payment of one of those Thirteen Parts to the Visitors of *Worcester* County School, &c. who are impowered to dispose thereof as may be meet for the Encouragement, &c. of the said School. *Ibid. §. 3.*

38. The Visitors of *St. Mary's* County School were enabled to chuse Visitors by 1753, *ch. 19*; and were enabled to sell the old School-House and Land, and to purchase other Land whereon to build a new School-House, by 1758, *ch. 13.*

39. The Visitors of *Worcester* County School enabled to purchase Four Lots in *Snow-hill* Town, and erect